

Sierra College

BOARD POLICY

BP 2355

Decorum at Board of Trustees Meetings

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References:	Education Code Sections 72121.5; Government Code Section 54954.3 subdivision (b), 54957.9 and 54957.95

Undue interruptions or other interference with the orderly conduct of the business of the Board will not be permitted. Disruptive behavior is always out of order and the Board President may terminate the speaker's privilege of address, if, after being called to order, the speaker persists in improper conduct or if remarks are addressing matters outside the Board's jurisdiction.

The following will be ruled out of order by the presiding officer.

- Disrupting, disturbing, or impeding, or rendering infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- Physical violence or threats of physical violence directed toward any person or property.

In the event that any meeting is willfully interrupted by the actions of one or more persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the person(s) may be removed from the meeting room.

Speakers who engage in such conduct may be removed from the podium and denied the opportunity to speak to the Board for the duration of the meeting.

Before removal for conduct other than an individual's use of force or a true threat of force, the presiding officer shall warn the individual that the behavior is disrupting the meeting and that failure to cease the behavior may result in the individual's removal. The presiding officer or their designee may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior.

If order cannot be restored by the removal in accordance with these rules of individuals who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the Board may order the meeting room cleared and may continue in session. The Board shall only consider matters appearing on the agenda. Representatives of the press or other news

media, except those participating in the disturbance, shall be allowed to attend any session held pursuant to this rule.

See Board Policy 2345 and 2350.